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TAGS: AEMR, MILI, PINS, FT

SUBJ: ERITREAN SITUATION

US NAVY SHIPS LAWRENCE (DD) AND MARIAS (OILER) WHICH CURRENTLY IN VICINITY OF SOCOTRA ISLAND (11 DEG 55 MIN N AND 53 DEG 5 MIN E) HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY CINCUSNAVEUR TO PROCEED INTO RED SEA TO STAND BY IN CASE THEY CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE IF SECURITY SITUATION FOR AMERICANS IN ERITREA DETERIORATES FURTHER. THEY ARE BEING ORDERED TO REMAIN FULLY OUT OF SIGHT FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY AND OUTSIDE TERRITORIAL WATERS PENDING FURTHER ORDERS.

SHIPS ARE NOW 1850 NAUTICAL MILES FROM MASSAW, AND WOULD TAKE APPROX 40-45 HOURS TO GET THERE. DOD CONCURS.

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